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Applicant: Mitsutoshi SHINKAI
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PROVIDING DEVICE, TERMINAL DEVICE, TERMINAL
PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM, AND RECORDING
MEDIUM
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 24, 2009, please consider the
following remarks, which should result in the allowance of the above-identified application.

In the light of the accompanying Verified English Translation, reconsideration and
allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 57-63, all the claims in this application, have been rejected in view of the combination of Kahn (U.S. Patent 6,157,934), Enami ("Image Processing in Program Production...") and Granny (U.S. Patent 7,386,833).¹

The present application is entitled to the Japanese priority filing dates of July 15, 2002 and March 24, 2003. The priority date of July 15, 2002 antedates the September 4, 2002 provisional U.S. filing date to which Granny is entitled. Enclosed herewith is a verified English translation of Japanese priority application 2002-205434, from which it will be seen that at least claims 58 and 59, and arguably, all of claims 57-63 are fully supported by this Japanese priority application. In view of the earlier effective filing date of the present application, the Granny reference is not available as prior art with respect hereto. It is, therefore, requested that this reference be removed and that the rejection of claims 57-63 as being obvious in view of the combination of Kahn, Enami and Granny (with or without the additional references to Farmer and Page) be withdrawn. See MPEP 201.15.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance; and an early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Claims 57-58 and 61 stand rejected over this combination. The Published Application to Farmer (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0055239) was added to this combination to reject claims 59 and 62; and the Page patent (U.S. Patent 6,212,549) was added to this combination to reject claims 60 and 63.